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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MILI, KE, US

SUBJECT: US NAVY P-3 OPERATIONS

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 0937

1. IN RESPONSE REFTTEL, P-3 IS NAVY'S LONG-RANGE SHORE  
BASED MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT WHICH OPERATES WORLD-WIDE  
IN SUPPORT OF SEA SURVEILLANCE AND ANTISUBMARINE PATROL  
MISSIONS. THE AIRCRAFT IS A FOUR-ENGINED TURBO PROP,  
EQUIPPED WITH ADVANCED ELECTRONICS; ITS DESIGN IS BASED ON  
THE LOCKHEED ELECTRA COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT, (CONSIDERABLY  
MODIFIED IN THE NAVAL VERSION.) NORWAY, AUSTRALIA, NEW  
ZEALAND AND IRAN PRESENTLY OPERATE VERSIONS OF THE US NAVY  
P-3.

2. P-3 SURVEILLANCE MISSIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN ARE  
FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF SEVENTH FLEET DEPLOYMENTS, AND GATHER  
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VALUABLE INFORMATION ON OCEAN AND WEATHER CONDITIONS, AS  
WELL AS MERCHANT SHIP AND NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE REGION.  
P-3'S ARE DEPLOYED FROM THE WESTERN PACIFIC (PARTICULARLY  
THE PHILIPPINES) TO DIEGO GARCIA, AND PERIODICALLY REFUEL  
IN IRAN, OMAN (MASIRAH), DJIBOUTI AND, ON OCCASION PAKISTAN.

WE ANTICIPATE INFREQUENT VISITS TO KENYA AND SEYCHELLES

IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THERE IS NO SET FREQUENCY TO P-3  
FLIGHTS TO LITTORAL AIRFIELDS, AND AT PRESENT OUR REFUEL-  
ING ARRANGEMENTS (EXCEPT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS MONTH  
AT MASIRAH) ARE MADE BY FORMAL DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE RE-  
QUEST ON AN AS-OCCURRING BASIS.  
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